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Hungarian Troop Units.

1. In May 1950, the parachute company of the 25th Rifle Regt practiced parachute jumping at Tapolca (Y 4/D 35) airfield. Source learned in late December 1950 that a parachute unit was stationed in Tapolca. A soldier of the 25th Rifle Regt in the tent camp at Csokas Erdoe (Csokas Woods) volunteered for, and was reassigned to, a parachute unit in Tapolca in late August 1950. An officer course encompassing about 500 trainees who wore no rank or branch-of-service insignia, was conducted at Tapolca in late May 1950. Following an 8 to 10-week training the graduates were commissioned as junior lieutenants up to captains depending on their individual qualification.
2. Prior to 20 October 1950, a field artillery unit of about 500 men was located in the area southeast of the tent camp of the 25th Rifle Regt at the Csokas woods near Nagykoeroes (Q 48/O 06). This unit was previously stationed at Papa (P 48/Y 1950, was transferred to an undetermined post of _____) or Baja (Y 6/S 28). * ILLEGIB
3. A private of the 1920 class was inducted at Szekesfehervar (Q 48/Z 00) on 17 November 1949. Several months later, he was transferred to Pecs (Y 5/B 22), and, in the fall of 1950, to Kaposvar (Y 4/A 95). He served with a reconnaissance unit and wore blue service color. A member of the 1931 class, who had volunteered for service in May 1950, served with an infantry officer candidate school in Pecs at the end of December 1950. The officer course in Pecs lasted for two years. The soldier wore yellow-bordered green epaulets. A member of the 1930 class was inducted at Marcali (Y 4/A 68) on 24 October 1950 and, according to his father, transferred to an infantry unit in Baja (Y 6/S 28) in December 1950. Another soldier who wore dark-blue epaulets served with a signal unit in Baja in late December 1950.
4. According to a soldier on furlough, a field artillery unit was stationed in Eger (R 48/Y 55) in late December 1950.
5. Prior to 28 December 1950, a military hospital was located at 1 Kiralyhago Street in Budapest.XI.

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6. Infantry troops wore green epaulets; infantry officers and NCOs also wore crossed-rifle insignia on their collar patches.

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AVH border troops wore light-green epaulets, cavalry troops light-yellow epaulets, field artillery troops red epaulets, AAA troops white-bordered red epaulets, tank troops blue epaulets, signal troops dark-blue epaulets, parachute troops white-bordered green epaulets, air force troops white-bordered blue epaulets, river guard troops dark-blue or black epaulets, and supply troops claret epaulets. **

25X1A* **Comment.** A motorized artillery regiment was stationed in Papa up to mid-1950. See [REDACTED]. Elements of this unit were probably detached as skeleton units for the activation of artillery units of a division in the Baja-Kiskoreos-Szeged area. See also [REDACTED] 25X1A

25X1A** **Comment.** Specification of the service color is not enough to establish the identity of a unit, since, for example, the non-infantry components of an infantry regiment wear the service colors of their specific branch. Infantry units, possibly regiments, are believed to be stationed in Marcali and Baja.

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